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SUBJECT: HUNGARIAN JUSTIFICATION FOR ICCS ROLE

1. EMBASSY POLOFF CALLED TO FONMIN SEPT 21, TO RECEIVE ROUTINE NOTE RE COURIER FLIGHT. OCCASION USED BY FONMIN VIETNAM DESK OFFICER ENDREFFY TO PLEAD GOH CASE ON ICCS MATTERS. ENDREFFY REITERATED OFT-EXPRESSED HOPE THAT US DISPLEASURE OVER HUNGDEL ICCS NOT ADVERSELY AFFECT BILATERAL RELATIONS. HE ARGUED THAT USG COULD NOT REALISTICALLY EXPECT ICCS TO PREVENT CONTINUATION OF FIGHTING OR EXERT PRESSURE ON PRG OR DRV TO REACH POLITICAL SETTLEMENT.

2. ENDREFFY STATED THAT GOH FOUND MEMBERSHIP ON ICCS A THANKLESS BURDEN, BUT THAT HUNGDEL HAD TRIED "WITHIN REALITIES OF WORLD POLITICS" TO CARRY OUT MANDATE.

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HE SAID THAT IN GOH, THERE EXISTS A FEELING OF BITTERNESS TOWARD CANADIANS OVER THEIR ATTEMPT TO MAKE HUNGARIANS SCAPEGOAT FOR FAILURE OF ICCS. CANADIANS, CHARGED ENDREFFY, HAD BEEN "PUSHY AND OVERBEARING" FROM THE START AND HAD ANGERED HUNGDEL. HE IMPLIED THAT AMB ESZTERGALYOS HAD BEEN PARTICULARLY INCENSED BY CANADIAN ATTITUDE, AND THIS FACT ACCOUNTED FOR MUCH OF DISHARMONY ON COMMISSION.

3. EMBOFF INFORMED ENDREFFY THAT USG HAD NOT HARBORED UNREALISTIC EXPECTATIONS OF ICCS. WE HAD HOPED ALL FOUR MEMBERS WOULD RISE ABOVE POLITICAL TIES IN ORDER TO OBJECTIELY MONITOR CEASEFIRE. ENDREFFY WAS TOLD USG ALSO HOPEDSBILATERAL RELATIONS WOULD NOT BE SERIOUSLY DAMAGED, BUT THAT LACK OF OBJECTIVITY ON PART OF HUNGARIANS OBVIOUSLY MUST BE CONSIDERED BY OUR POLICY-MAKERS. HE WAS TOLD US HOPEFUL THAT ARRIVAL OF IRANIANS WOULD SPUR ALL ICCS PARTIES TO CARRY OUT IMPARTIAL SUPER-VISION OF CEASEFIRE AND US WOULD BE CLOSELY WATCHING SITUATION. WITH LITTLE APPARENT CONVICTION, ENDREFFY ALSO EXPRESSED HOPE THAT ICCS EFFECTIVENESS WOULD IMPROVE WITH IRANIANS ARRIVAL.

4. NOTE N COURIERS APPARENTLY PRETEXT TO EXPLAIN GOH POSITION AND MAY HAVE BEEN TIMED TO PRECEDE ARRIVAL OF SECRETARY DENT. ONLY SURPRISING ELEMENT WAS IMPLICATION THAT ESZTERGALYOS PERSONALLY RESPONSILE FOR SOME HUNGDEL LACK OF COOPERATION WITH CANADIANS. THIS MAY HAVE BEEN A FACTOR IN GOH ATTITUDE, BUT PROBABLY OUTWEIGHED BY OVERALL POLICY DECISION TO PROMOTE INTERESTS OF PRG. PEDERSEN

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